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Note verbale dated 19 June 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and, with reference to Security Council resolutions 1673 (2006) and 1540 (2004), has the honour to forward information from the competent authorities at the Lebanese Ministry of Defence concerning the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 19 June 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

[Original: Arabic]

The Lebanese Republic
Ministry of National Defence
The Minister
No. 4426/GH 'A/W
Al-Yarzeh, 15 October 2004

Subject: Steps taken or intended to be taken to implement resolution 1540 (2004) on preventing the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction by non-State actors

Document: Your letter No. 3993/5 dated 23 May 2004

In reply to your above-mentioned letter, annexed to which are the letter from the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations and the letter from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) concerning guidelines for the preparation of national reports on preventing the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction by non-State actors, this Ministry would like to underline the following:

- Lebanon neither possesses nor manufactures any such type of weapon and provides no form of assistance to any actor that would contribute to the development, acquisition, manufacture, possession, transport, transfer or use of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery;
- The requisite legislation is in place, together with strict regulations and deterrents, for the monitoring and control of all suspect operations and for the monitoring, arrest and prosecution of those who finance such operations, including any terrorists;
- Lebanon undertakes appropriate steps and thorough searches at border checkpoints to prevent trafficking in such weapons in accordance with domestic laws and regulations and in compliance with international law in this area;
- The Lebanese State seeks to strengthen international cooperation and constructive dialogue to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and endeavours to comply with United Nations resolutions;
- Lebanon urges the full implementation of multilateral agreements aimed at the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, particularly in the Middle East, with a view to safeguarding international peace and security and furthering the international efforts to combat terrorism.

(*Signed*) Mahmud **Hammud**
Minister of National Defence

His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Emigrants